been launched by the public sector undertaking to wipe out the back-log As in the Government, relaxations and concessions with regard to age limit, examination fee, reimbursement of travelling expenses for attending interviews, separate interviews for candidates belonging to SCs|STs, inclusion of a member belonging to SCs|STs in DPCs|Selection Committees apart from relaxation in standard and experience have been extended to public sector undertakings. De-reservation in direct recruitment has been banned in public sector undertakings.

The short fall in higher category is mainly due to non-availability of suitable SC|ST candidates in technical disciplines. Most of the public sector undertakings being in the manufacturing|production sector, there is a pre-ponderance of technical posts in higher category. Public sector undertakings have been advised to organise pre-recruitment training to SC|ST candidates, scholarship schemes for SC|ST students studying in IITs, IIMs, Regional Engineering Colleges etc. Training programmes are being organised for the executives of public sector undertakings to ensure compliance of reservation orders in employment. The progress of intake of SCs/STs in public sector undertakings at various levels is being monitored closely.

Committee to enquire the working of Cement Corporation of India

479. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had set up a committee to enquire into the working of the Cement Corporation of India;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has since submitted its report; and

(c) the action taken on the recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) An Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. H. C. Visvasvaraya, former Chairman & Director General, National Council for Cement and Building Materials made a comprehensive review of the working of Cement Corporation of India Ltd. The Committee submitted its Interim Report on the 30th April, 1986 and the Final Report in March, 1988.

(c) Most of the recommendations suggested by the Committee have betn implemented, while some of them are to be implemented on a continuing basis.

Women's Cooperative Under KVIC

480. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any women's cooperatives under KVIC to promote interests of women in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details of such cooperatives together with the details of incentives| assistance available to such co-operatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): Yes, Sir. There are some cooperatives under the fold of KVIC which are exclusively manned by women for the welfare of women folk in rural areas.

(b) The following cooperatives are run by women under different trades of KVIC which are financed by respective State KVI Boards except at Sl. No. 9:—

Name of the cooperative	Programme/Scheme
1. Women's India Trust, Panvel . . .	Fruit & vegetable products.
2. Shri Mahila Grihe Udyog Lijat Papad having various branches throughout the country.	Papad & Masala making.
3. Destitute Women Soap Mfg. ICS Ltd. Telprolu (Andhra Pradesh)	Non edible Oils & Soap.
4. Kerala Soap Industries Federation, Calicut .	Do.